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Important Pending Questions between Japan and China Which Have been Settled Recently

(May, 1934. The First Section, Bureau of Asiatic Affairs)

1. Part Payment of the Interest on the Loans Extended by the Sino-Japanese Industrial Company to the Ministry of Communications for the Extension of Telephone Facilities (May 30, 1933).

As partial payment of interest on this loan, the Peiping Telephone Bureau had hitherto been made to pay 10,000 Yuan monthly. From the end of 1937, negotiations were opened and followed up by the Consulate-General in Nanking with a view to making the Tsingtao Bureau pay a due amount and finally in March, 1933, it was agreed that the Tientsin Bureau should pay 10,000 Yuan. However, the promise was not carried out, and after further strong demands the first payment was made on May 30th, and since July, payments are being received regularly.

2. Part Payment of the Interest on the Loans Extended by the East Asia Development Company to the Ministry of Communications for the Extension of Telephone Facilities (July, 1933).

One block of these loans having matured in February, 1933, negotiations were opened to increase the amount of the partial payment of interest hitherto being made. In July last, it was agreed that the Tientsin Telegraph Bureau should pay 5,000 Yuan monthly, which is being carried out beginning that month.

3. Payment of Salaries in Arrears due to the Late Shiro Takano, Adviser to the Communications Department of the Defunct Peking Government (September 19, 1933).

In regard to this case, the Japanese Legation in China and the Consulate-General in Nanking had been repeatedly pressing the Chinese authorities over a period of several years. On September 19, 1933, in a note addressed to the Consul-General at Nanking, Minister of Communications CHU stated that the internal and external liabilities and unpaid salaries of the former Ministry of Communications amounting to a large sum, payment can only be begun after the completion of adjustments in view of the straightened circumstances of Takano's family and the arrears due Takano amounting to 5,533.33 Yuan is being paid at once by way of exception, and requested that the money order enclosed be handed over to the family of the deceased.

4. Part Payment of the Interest on the Twenty Million Yen Loan Extended by the Industrial Bank, Bank of Chosen and Bank of Taiwan to the Bank of Communications (October 28, 1933).

From the end of March, 1933, the representatives of the three banks in Shanghai began negotiations with the Bank of Communications for the payment of 600,000 yen as part payment of the interest on this loan. The Japanese Legation assisting, payment of 300,000 yen was received on October 28th Further negotiations are in progress for the payment of the balance of the above and of this year's installment.

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5. Exchange of Notes Concerning the Problem of Transit of Chinese Troops through the Shanghai Truce Area (March 27, 1934).

With regard to the movement of Chinese troops passing through the area designated in Article II and Annex I of the truce agreement concluded in Shanghai on May 5, 1932, it was agreed by the stipulations of the official notes exchanged and the protocol signed by the Japanese and Chinese committees of the Joint Committee on March 27, 1934 that the Chinese authorities should give advance notice in writing to the Japanese authorities as to the number, name and time of passing, etc., and to obtain the approval of the latter on each occasion of the transit of troops through the said area.

6. Indefinite Postponement of the Enforcement of the Act Requiring Marking the Country of Origin of Imported Commodities (April 21, 1934).

With regard to the Act Requiring Marking the Country of Origin of Imported Goods promulgated on February 16, 1932, with a view to fostering domestic industry and helping the thoroughgoing boycott of Japanese goods, as a result of Minister to China Ariyoshi's approach seeking either its repeal or postponement of its enforcement (or, if this is impossible, to have markings in English in addition to the language of the country of origin recognized), finally, on April 18, WANG CHAO-MING informed Minister Ariyoshi that it had been decided to postpone for the time being the enforcement of the Act. Since April 21, the Maritime Customs in the various districts have put up the notification that "the enforcement will be postponed until further orders from the Government."

7. Negotiations for Settlement of Claims against the Peiping-Suiyuan Railway (April 30, 1934).

The Peiping-Suiyuan Railway Bureau, stating that its liabilities to an American firm have been settled upon terms very favorable to itself, approached the East Asia Development Company and the Mitsui Bussan, proposing that its liabilities to them be settled on the same terms. Accordingly, the two companies dispatched representatives to Peiping toward the end of 1932 and began negotiations. Furthermore, as a result of negotiations held recently in Shanghai with the Director of the Railway Bureau, a contract for the settlement claims of the East Asia Company was signed on April 30 and awaits confirmation by the Railway Ministry. As regards Mitsui's claim, negotiations are still in progress.

In the above negotiations, they refused to entertain, following the directions of this Ministry (Foreign Office), such a proposal as settlement on equal terms with the American firm. As a result, as far as the East Asia Development Company is concerned, not only was their original plan practically accepted in toto, but they have succeeded in securing priority rights as regards further loans based on the terms of their original loan.

8. Question of Priority in Supplying Telephone Materials Under a Loan Extended to the Ministry of Communications for the Expansion of Telephone Facilities by the Sino-Japanese Enterprise Company (Sale of Materials for Expansion to the Tsingtao Telephone Bureau) (May 11, 1934).

As it was learned that materials necessary for the expansion plan of the Tsingtao Telephone Bureau were to be purchased from foreign countries to the exclusion of Japanese goods, which is an infringement of the priority rights to supply materials under the terms of the Sino-Japanese Enterprise Company Loan, vigorous negotiation was started for the purchase of Japanese goods as well as the confirmation of the priority rights. (In view of its relations to the previously mentioned negotiations for the part payment of interest on this loan, the negotiation was undertaken principally by the

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Consuls-General at Nanking and Tsingtao.) Although the Ministry of Communications was at first reluctant to purchase Japanese goods under the excuse of the anti-Japanese sentiment, it was finally agreed that it would purchase materials for 1,200 circuits worth 150,000 yen from the Japan Electrical Company. A contract was signed accordingly on May 11th last and one-half of the price was received.

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9. Signing of Sino-Japanese Wireless Communications Agreement (May 8, 1934).

With regard to the opening of wireless communications between Japan and China, which had almost reached the stage of initialling a contract in the course of negotiations on communications problems during 1930 and 1931 but was interrupted by the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident, negotiations were reopened in the middle of February, 1934, between the Director of Telegraphic Administration of the Ministry of Communications and the Consul-General at Nanking (in his capacity as representative of the Director of Telegraphic Affairs of the Japanese Ministry of Communications), and an agreement was signed on May 8. Communications are to be opened from June 1.

10. Resumption of the Payment of Indemnities for Hankow and Nanking Incidents (May, 1934).

The payment of the indemnity for the Hankow and Nanking Incidents which was fixed by the exchange of notes between Minister Shigemitsu and Foreign Minister WANG in April, 1931 at 1,050,000 dollars, to be paid in ten months beginning in May of that year, of which four months' installment totalling 400,000 dollars had been received, was stopped due to the outbreak of the Manchurian Incident from the fifth installment due in September of that year and never resumed in spite of our repeated demands. However, on April 18th last, on the occasion of Minister Ariyoshi's visit to WANG CHAO-MING in Nanking, the latter stated that due to financial difficulties, the payment of the indemnity in question had been suspended since the September 18th Incident but that it was decided to resume the payments beginning in May. Later, when Mr. Ariyoshi met H. H. KUNG in Shanghai on the 20th, he, too, made a similar statement. It is expected, therefore, that the payment will be resumed shortly.

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